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COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - RUYTON-XI-TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL

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1.0 Summary

1.1 This report concerns a request for a Community Governance Review to be conducted in advance of the 2013 local government elections to remove a boundary anomaly between the Ruyton-XI-Towns and West Felton Parish Councils.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Council consents to undertake a Community Governance Review to affect a modification of the Ruyton-XI-Towns and West Felton Parish Council boundaries in advance of the local government elections in 2013 and that this matter be referred to the Community Governance Working Party for action.

REPORT

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The Ruyton-XI-Towns Parish Council is requesting this Council to undertake a Community Governance Review following the discovery of an anomaly in the boundary between the Ruyton-XI-Towns and West Felton Parish Council. The anomaly affects a recent development known as Pradoe View on a former garage site on the eastern edge of the village of West Felton, shown on the map attached to this report.
- 3.2 It had been presumed by the West Felton community that the land on which the new properties have been built lay within the parish of West Felton. However, following a recent parish by-election, when the prospective candidates requested a map of the parish boundaries, it has become apparent that this is not the case. Despite this, the 12 electors have been

included on the electoral register for West Felton, rather than Ruyton-XI-Towns. And, following a survey of the householders affected, Ruyton-XI-Towns Parish Council has been informed that they consider themselves to belong to the parish of West Felton.

- 3.3 Accordingly, Ruyton-XI-Towns Parish Council is now seeking this Council's assistance to correct the position by undertaking a Community Governance Review in advance of the local government elections in 2013.
- 3.4 The Council is requested to accede to this request and refer the matter to the Community Governance Review Working Party for appropriate action to be taken.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

None

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Map of West Felton